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ROADWATCH: Week of April 10 - 16

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on southbound I-81 between mile marker 153 and 156 due to pavement marker installation. Work will be performed Monday through Thursday beginning at 9 p.m. and continuing until 6 a.m. the following morning. Work should be completed by late April.

* **INTERSTATE 81 SPOT PAVING** – Weather permitting, nighttime lane closures will be in place on weeknights due to spot paving at locations on I-81 between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Expect a right lane closure on southbound I-81 between mile markers 88 and 93 in Pulaski County. A right lane closure is also planned on northbound I-81 at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County.

* **INTERSTATE 81 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during daylight hours in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

* **INTERSTATE 81 LIGHTING REPAIRS** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 119 in Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible shoulder closures on weeknights.

* **INTERSTATE 81 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work on shoulders along I-81 exit ramps may cause shoulder closures at exit 109 in Montgomery County and exit 101 in Pulaski County during daylight hours.

ROANOKE

* **I-581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound I-581/Route 220 Expressway in Roanoke. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during both daylight and nighttime hours.

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ROANOKE COUNTY

* POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS) – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Roanoke County. Work is scheduled on Route 654 (Feather Road) between Route 24 and Hardy Road. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 221 PAVING** – Work to pave and install utility pipes along Route 221 at the corner of Colonial Avenue may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

*** ROUTE 311 SHOULDER REPAIR** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 864 (Bradshaw Road). Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 11/460 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Work to repair shoulders along Route 11/460 (West Main Street) between Salem and the Montgomery County line may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

*** ROUTE 623 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, the shoulder will be closed along Route 623 (Dent Road) between Airport Road and Route 822 (Pendleton Avenue) during daylight hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

*** UTILITY WORK (VARIOUS ROADS)** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane), Route 1673 (Sunnyside Drive) and Route 613 (Merriman Road). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

BEDFORD COUNTY

*** ROUTE 501 SLIDE REPAIRS** – Flaggers will control traffic on Route 501 between its intersections with Route 672 (Knight Road) and Route 612 (Gruggett Hollow Road). Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays. Drivers should expect possible delays.

* POTHOLE PATCHING – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Bedford County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays on various roads during daylight hours.

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* ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one-lane bridge and replacing it with a two-lane bridge at a new location. Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

*** UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

*** BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 644 (Old Cifax Road) in the Big Island area and Route 630 in the Smith Mountain Lake area.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* POTHOLE PATCHING – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Botetourt County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays along primary roads such as Route 11 and Route 460.

* SWEEPING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS) – Crews may sweep roads on various subdivision streets during daylight hours. Watch for signs and use caution.

*** ROUTE 220 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be making shoulder repairs along Route 220 (Roanoke Road at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

CARROLL COUNTY

*** INTERSTATE 77 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will be patching potholes on I-77. Mobile lane closures may be in place during both daytime and nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution and expect possible delays.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

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*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner’s Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner’s Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner’s Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

*** UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

*** ROUTE 40 PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 40 due pavement patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays.

*** ROUTE 668 PAVING** – Weather permitting, crews may pave on Route 668 (Lovely Valley Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

*** POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various locations in Franklin County due to pothole patching. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Work is planned on Route 40.

*** DEBRIS REMOVAL** – Work to remove downed trees from previous winter weather events along various roads in Franklin County may cause temporary lane closures during daylight hours.

*** UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Work will be performed on the following roads:

- Route 715 (Chestnut Mountain Road)
- Route 766 (Beech Mountain Road)
- Route 811 (Frying Pan Hollow)
- Route 865 (Timberline Road)
- Route 839 (Greenhouse Road)
- Route 931 (Fralins Road)

GILES COUNTY

*** ROUTE 460 SHOULDER WORK** – The right lane of eastbound Route 460 is closed near Route 641 (Clendennin Road). Crews will be performing shoulder stabilization work in this area. The right lane of eastbound Route 460 will remain closed through Friday, April 23. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area.

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* ROUTE 460 DEBRIS REMOVAL/ SHOULDER WORK – Work on Route 460 may cause lane closures during daytime hours. Crews will be repair shoulders and removing debris from flooding. Watch for signs and use caution.

*** POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Giles County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

*** FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will continue to repair damaged roads or bridges. Work will include cleaning out drainage pipes, ditch and slope repairs and bridge inspections. Watch for flaggers that may control traffic on various roads.

HENRY COUNTY

*** ROUTE 58 BUSINESS PAVING** – Weather permitting, paving may cause lane closures on eastbound Route 58 Business between Martinsville and the bridge over Leatherwood Creek. Watch for lane closures, Monday through Thursday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Drivers should use caution and expect delays.

* ROUTE 220 MEDIAN INSTALLATION – Weather permitting, work to install a concrete median on Route 220 at the Dyer Street intersection near Bassett Forks may cause lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220. Lane closures may be in place Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

* ROUTE 220 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Monday, April 12, the Route 220 bridge over Jordan Creek and Route 684 will be inspected. The bridge is located the Route 220 Martinsville Bypass. Various lane closures will be in place on northbound and southbound Route 220 during the inspection from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

* REMOVE ROUTE 57 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Work is completed.

*** POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

*** ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. In addition, Route 639 beneath the bridge will be closed daily as needed during daylight hours and reopened by 5:30 p.m. each evening. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

*** ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

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* **DEBRIS REMOVAL** – Work to remove downed trees from previous weather events along various roads in Henry County may cause temporary lane closures during daylight hours.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 SPOT PAVING** – Weather permitting, nighttime lane closures will be in place on weeknights due to spot paving at locations on the Route 460 Bypass between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. A left lane closures is tentatively planned on eastbound Route 460 on Monday, April 12.

* **ROUTE 114 DITCHING** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays. Work is planned in the Ironto, Riner and Pilot areas.

* **POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays. Work is planned in the Riner, Ellett Valley and Pilot areas.

* **ROUTE 460 BYPASS LIGHTING REPAIR** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above the Route 460 Bypass. Drivers should expect possible nighttime lane closures on weeknights on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass.

* **ROUTE 460 DRAINAGE REPAIRS** – Work to repair drainage structures may cause shoulder closures on the Route 460 Bypass in the New River Valley. Work may be performed during daylight hours and cause shoulder closures.

* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours. Work is planned on Route 639 (Harmony Road).

PATRICK COUNTY

* **POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

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PULASKI COUNTY

* **POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Pulaski County. Watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may control traffic at times on Route 628 and Kirby Road in the Draper area due to pavement patching during daylight hours on weekdays. Drivers should expect possible delays and watch for signs.

* **ROUTE 639 BRUSH CUTTING** – Flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours on Route 639 due to brush cutting. Watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 764 PIPE INSTALLATION** – Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic on Route 764 due to a pipe installation. Watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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